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I.
We have come to believe that all which is done for the University is done ten-fold for Texas. With the dawn of the new century, we find those many hopes of the past materializing and crystalizing into that great and high education which the stormy past has forbidden to the choicest jewel in the crown of liberty.

Close on the bloody groan of the Alamo, and following the triumphal shout of San Jacinto, those great minds of Thirty-six first thought of education. They were men of action rather than thought, however, and at their first opportunity appropriated funds for the security of that highest of all necessities to any State. How the turmoil of succeeding years defeated their darling purpose, is too well known, too distressing, to be repeated. Finally, when the sunshine of prosperity glowed upon our land, and we were made stronger than before by the healing of our bloody wounds, early in the Eighties, for the first time, those dreams of the Republic began to be realized.

Since the formation of the University, steadily and surely the best blood of Texas has flowed into it. Its puny system then has grown and expanded. Its infancy has survived into glowing and dominant youth. In the near future it promises to blossom into all of those glories and abilities which typify perfect manhood. Its manhood will be perpetual. Should it even be burned and disseminated it will rise again in greater strength and beauty even as the fabled Griffin.

The sons of those who vindicated the Republic and who have protected the purity of the State are gathering around our chief educational institution. From the East and the West, the North and the South, and even far beyond our borders they gather. They see a beacon light where their fathers saw darkness. They come because they can not hold back. When they arrive they see all of the great glory of Texas and understand the greater glory, a store for her. They learn of other States, other nations, only to prove that Texas is greater. When they go forth again they find that some of the light goes with them. They see Texas as they have never seen it before. Before they come they know alone how to die for this land we love so much; when they leave they have the added conviction to know how to live for it.

In the last year or so the true spirit has come to us, the old spirit of the old days. It is here to stay. It has come to boys that are men. It has settled down upon us softly, like a snow storm in the night, but its imperishability knows no end. As the students leave our University now, to a man they can say from their souls that their existence is bound up in their God, their Texas, and their University.

In the past, when we were in irresponsible childhood, parties voicing naught but their own peevish ideas have brought us into ill repute. They made so bold as to attack and misrepresent our legislative body to which the people of Texas have entrusted the keeping of the dignity of the State. Whether or not the entire University was a nest of ingrates then, it is of no purpose here to inquire. But this we know now, that there does not exist a single person here who harbors anything but disgust and dislike for any and

all of those repudiated statements of the years ago. The old patriotism has conquered and we are here to stand by Texas for good or evil; "if right, to keep it right; if wrong, to make it right." Biased statements of disappointed office-seekers, and the ravings of irresponsible newspapers can no longer enter an institution where Reason and Truth are paramount.

The greatest thing that could be said about Texas is not that it has more money for a university than this or that State. What would please best would be to hear that she has a better university establishment. When the day comes on which we can say that "this year Texas has spent more for education than any State in America" it will be a day from which we may date the career of the Greater Texas.

Let us be lavish in educational expenditure. Let us be prodigal, extravagant. Let us always keep ten years ahead in our supply of accommodation and apparatus. Let us never more be found insufficient. When this status exists the will of our forefathers will be accomplished.

THE STUDENTS' COUNCIL.

The long talked of student council whose existence so far has been but an ambitious dream is about to receive a physical embodiment. A petition is being circulated calling for a mass meeting Thursday, January 10th, for the purpose of effecting a temporary organization. It is earnestly hoped that each student will realize the importance of the movement and lend to it the consideration its importance demands.

While many have talked and others have asked questions, a few have set themselves to the task of obtaining information. For three months the work has progressed slowly and although the information had is rather meagre, yet enough has been obtained, it is believed, to afford a sufficient working basis. The purpose of the meeting Thursday will be to give the student body an opportunity to utilize the information at our command and to provide for a permanent organization.

Among those who have given the matter most consideration, what is known as the "Senate Plan," seems to be the decided favorite. The Senate, or executive committee, is chosen from the members of the various classes, and has general supervision and control of student affairs, while the council proper is called together only when the occasion might require. The principal reason why this plan is favored is that the entire council would be too large and unwieldy a body to attend to every trivial matter which may arise.

Acting through its officers and according to the constitution and by-laws and instructions from the council, the Senate will represent the student body in an organized or official capacity. Through it the council, if it so desires, may control certain disagreeable—not to say disreputable—forms of conduct of members of the student body. It will be the governing body of the council.

There are many who would like to see the University periodicals transferred to the control of the council. The publications are supposed to be representative of the student body, and yet their editors are chosen by a disgracefully small minority of the students. Under

existing conditions the present mode of election is perhaps the best that could be devised. Yet these and other conditions are undesirable, and it is to remedy them that the council movement was set on foot.

Will you give it your individual support?

B. HALL CHANGES.

Mr. Stevens having resigned as steward, the management of the Hall has been turned over almost entirely to the Hall association. Professor Bugbee, Mr. Lomax, and Mr. Frank Lee have jointly volunteered their services and will perform the duties which heretofore have devolved upon Mr. Stevens. These gentlemen serve wholly without compensation, and B. Hallites confidently hope that profiting by their experience and advice, the Hall will be more cheaply and successfully operated.

Friday night a meeting of the Hall Association was held upon the fourth floor and the action of the executive committee was unanimously indorsed.

That this change is an eminently desirable one few will doubt. But many are not so sanguine of success so long as present prices remain in force, while every one interested in the University will watch the result with great concern. The success of the movement will depend largely upon the individual co-operation and assistance of each member of the association.

That any management would give entire satisfaction, no sane man could hope. The kicker is everywhere and kicking at everything for kicking is his trade. It is confidently believed that were Eden in existence to-day, Eve would spy a kicker kicking at the apples. There is but one way to squelch him, and that is to put him where he must hear the complaints of others. Unfortunately, however, there are not enough jobs to go around and the kicker is generally too incompetent to fill any, so we must stop our ears while he proceeds (brays) to announce himself. It is hoped and believed, however, that the present system will meet with the hearty approval of a very decided majority of those who are to benefit by it.

Boys, we must realize that we can never have things just as we wish. The world was not built wholly to satisfy our whimsical fancy or gratify our ardent desires for good board at ten dollars a month. We must expect to meet with inconveniences, nay discomforts, for they are as ubiquitous as the chronic kicker and can be found in every walk of life. Like the poor, they are with us always, and we might as well endure them good naturedly as otherwise. If we get all our money will buy, we have no kick coming. No one is going to feed us just for the fun of seeing us eat.

Messrs. Bugbee, Lomax, and Lee are making very meritorious sacrifices for our benefit. The labor is annoying, tedious, and often perplexing. They need and should have our hearty co-operation, assistance, encouragement and approval. Let us, therefore, make sacrifices for one another and for ourselves, exercise a little judgment in our kicking, have a little forbearance about things that do not exactly suit us, give the various committees what help we can, put our shoulders to the wheel, shove, and watch the old thing move.

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The Texan will attempt in subse-
quent issues to give a series of ar-
ticles on The University of Texas
calculated to let the outside world
know what is the feeling of the stu-
dent body in reference to the ad-
vancement and wants of the Univer-
sity. With the new century we are
going to start in to make Texas sec-
ond to none in the point of advance-
ment. We want to show the State
that we are taking advantage of its
privileges in order that these priv-
ileges may be increased and that
they may be made accessible to a
greater number of students. We be-
lieve that the value of the Univer-
sity is too greatly underestimated by
the public.

The opening of the Winter term
finds the literary societies actively
engaged in preparing for the inter-
collegiate debates that are to be
held during the Spring term. At a
meeting of the Oratorical Associa-
tion held Saturday night it was
voted to have a debate with Tulane
at New Orleans and with the Uni-
versity of Missouri at either St.
Louis or Dallas. The details re-
garding our debate with Baylor are
still undetermined. Our proposition
for a triangular league to include
Southwestern has been rejected by
Baylor.

It called forth in the Lariat, the
Baylor weekly, an editorial headed
"The State's Apparent Duplicity."
Wherein we were guilty of either ef-
frontery or "duplicity" in making
such a proposition to Baylor and
Southwestern is not "apparent," we
beg to assert, from either the facts
in the case or after a careful read-
ing of the editorial.

Suffice it to say that our proposi-
tion for a triangular debate was
made in good faith. There are many
reasons, aside from the important
one of finances, why it was desir-
able for us to participate in inter-
collegiate intellectual contests with-
in the State, and to enlarge our
present sphere of activity in that
line. Such contests promote the
"home market." When Baylor two
years ago came here and vanquished
us with such neatness and dispatch,

it excited more interest in public
speaking here than a debate with
any out-State institution could pos-
sibly have secured.

For some time past Southwestern
has been desirous of debating with
us, this desire being expressed in the
early part of the present aca-
demic year in the form of a chal-
lenge. Many of our best students
and speakers come from Southwest-
ern and Baylor, and in making our
tentative proposition to invite
Southwestern into a triangular
league we thought to promote with
the latter the same cordial relations
by way of a friendly rivalry in de-
bating that we already sustained to
Baylor. Indeed, friends of South-
western have criticised us for main-
taining debating relations with only
one of several denominational col-
leges of which the State boasts,—
institutions whose progress we are
all interested in as helping on the
cause of higher education in Texas.
So when a request comes from
Southwestern to debate with her, it
is illogical and embarrassing for us
to refuse. In our letter to Baylor
we explained why, on account of our
other debating and oratorical con-
tests this year, we asked to meet the
winner in the first contest. We did
not assume to arrange a debate be-
tween Baylor and Southwestern, and
only by the most strained constru-
tion could any such assumption be
made even dimly apparent. We did
suggest certain tentative arrange-
ments to govern in the debate be-
tween Southwestern and Baylor,
these same arrangements also to ap-
ply to our debate later with the win-
ner,—suggestions made, as our let-
ter to Baylor stated, "to secure uni-
formity" in their application to all
three institutions.

The Lariat editorial previously re-
ferred to further says: "It has been
suggested that if a three-cornered
subject can be secured which the
three universities may debate at the
same time, the scheme probably
would not appear quite so absurd."

After the splendid treatment ac-
corded our visiting delegation at
Waco last year, we simply beg to
suggest to our Baylor friends that to
reply to our proposition to invite
Southwestern into our debating re-
lations with intra-State institutions
by characterizing it as "altogether
awkward," "entirely unusual," "ab-
surd," and of "apparent duplicity,"
isn't nice, it seems to us. We may
have overstepped ourselves and been
indiscreet,—even discourteous from
your point of view,—but we sincerely
assure you that our faults, such
as they were, were caused by our im-
becility rather than by duplicity.

In all earnestness, the Texas sug-
gests that the sentence last quoted
may contain a solution of the prob-
lem. Let all three institutions meet
together. Let two, for example,
maintain two differing affirmative
propositions relating to the same
general subject and let the third
take the negative of both proposi-
tions. Under some such plan as
this we could have a debate more
than usually interesting to an au-
dience, not necessitating a dual con-
test on the part of any one of the
three and at the same time allow the
participation of a third institution
(i. e., Southwestern) to the mutual
advantage and interest of the stu-
dents and friends of all three insti-
tutions.

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perous and successful new century to
each and every one of you. This is
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two or three weeks all subscriptions
shall be collected. It takes money
to edit a paper like The Texan, and
unless you all contribute your little
mite The Texan can not be the best
college paper in the South. When
you aid the University paper, re-
member you are helping your Uni-
versity, for are not the publications
the very advertising mediums of the
school itself? Do not outsiders
judge the school, to a great extent,
by the publications? The writer
himself was influenced to come to
the U. of T. because merely by
chance a '97 Cactus came into his
hands.

What is the matter with you
freshmen? Why do you not sub-
scribe for your college paper? The
price of The Texan was reduced to
one dollar for the remainder of the
year in the hope that the freshman
class would "come across," but to
no avail—one timid freshman came
up with his one "wheel" and or-
dered The Texan sent to his address.
The subscribers of The Texan are
almost wholly upper classmen; why
is this so? Has the freshman class
not one iota of college spirit? Fresh-
men, have you the faintest idea that
Varsity will progress or even keep
up her old standard under your re-
gime in years to come when only
twenty (20) out of your class of
three hundred (300) subscribe for
your college paper? Think of it,
twenty out of three hundred! The
freshman class may have the inter-
est of the University at heart, but
they surely do not show it in this re-
spect.

We can not believe that you are
stingy, for you are Texans, but let
us predict that if your "finish" is no
better than your start (in aiding the
Varsity paper) at the end of your
junior year, when the last old stu-
dent will be gone, only about two of
your class will be subscribers to The
Texan.

It is our hope and our sincerest
wish that the students who have just
entered will not follow in the foot-
steps of their brother freshmen.
Subscribers for the University publi-
cation. Take an interest in any-
thing that will benefit your school.
Be a well rounded college man and
remember that the most abominable
college man on earth is he who reads
his college paper over his neighbor's
shoulder.

(Intelligent student picking up a
Caesar), Oh, say, Latin's easy, I wish
I had taken it. Look here! (Point-
ing to several passages), Forty ducks
in a row (forte dux in aro). Pass
us some jam. (passus sum jam).
Boni leges Caesaris. (the bony legs
of Caesar).—Ex.

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LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

W. L. Prather, Jr., spent the holidays in Waco.

Ask Mayor Brown for his discourse on "Soap."

Many of the young ladies at Grace Hall are victims to la grippe.

Budley Fisher visited Chub Wortham in Paris, during the holidays.

Messrs. Brown and Keys, of San Antonio, have entered the University.

Geo. Duren and Veris McInnis are suffering with the grippe at the Hall.

Bess Thompson, of the senior law class, is confined to his room with the grippe.

Louis Maverick, one of last year's graduates, was in Austin a few days before the holidays.

Miss Logan R. Norvell, of Columbia, Mo., will visit her sister, Miss Pearl E. Norvell, next week.

William M. Stone, of Alabama, was one of the jolly denizens of University hall during the holidays.

Souder's pleasant face shed its reluctant beams upon the "lonelies" at University hall during Xmas.

Tuday Thornton, one of Austin's most popular newspaper men, and a friend of the University, is very sick.

"Big" Neal returned early to study Constitutional Law, and to see the old year out in grand style.

Your subscription to The Texan is now due and those who have not paid must pay up by the end of January.

On Christmas night the house occupied by Mrs. W. H. Long, Jr., just south of the University campus, was raided by eight Varsity boys were boarding there, and as they had all come home for the holidays, they lost all of their belongings except the few things which they had taken

home with them. The unfortunates were: Carswell, Geo. Wright, Simon, Hollis, Washburn, Kimball, Morgan, and Burney.

The University hall does not promise to be so "full" as it was during the holidays, nor yet so empty.

Representative Green, an alumnus of the University, was a pleasant caller at the Law Department last Saturday.

Miss P. E. Norvell spent the holidays in Corsicana, the guest of Miss Blanch McKie, and Miss Margaret Guthrie, who attended Varsity last year.

Dr. George Bruce Halsted, professor of mathematics, and Dr. Wheeler, professor of biology, spent the holidays in Old Mexico, making investigations and collecting specimens.

The Austin Golf Team played a triangular match game in Waco Christmas week. Austin, Waco and Dallas participating. Dallas won first honors, Waco second, Austin lost out.

Mr. Emory, of Kentucky University, has entered the junior class at the U. of T. Mr. Emory has had a great deal of experience in college newspaper work and we are glad to have him with us.

The young ladies of the Ashbel Society will receive with Mrs. Sayers at the Mansion this Tuesday evening. The Ashbel should feel highly honored, as this is the first regular Tuesday reception of the year.

The Athenaeum will hold its preliminary contest next Saturday night to choose three debaters who will meet a like number from the Rusk in a final debate at some later date, at which time our representatives in the Baylor debate will be chosen.

"Coach" Clark, last year's physical director and foot-ball coach, has returned to Austin and will resume his work in the Law Department, which he entered last year. Mr. Clark has successfully coached the Western Reserve foot-ball team this last season.

Mrs. Hagerty, one of the most popular students of last year, has just returned from Paris (France), where she has been studying music. Our reporter could not learn whether Mrs. Hagerty will resume her work at Varsity or not, but her many friends would be glad to have her back with us.

A CORRECTION.

The following is taken from the Dallas News of Friday, January 4, under the head of State Press:

"The Texan, the State University paper, is wrestling with that most important thing in college life, the college yell. For some time it was a deep question as to what colors should be adopted by the University. That being settled, it is natural that the next important matter, the college yell, should receive consideration. The Texan says:

"No more will we hear the grating yell of the senior laws. At the advice of certain kind friends they have decided to substitute another cheer for the one which has been popular so long. We are glad to learn of this decision. Our yells should not offend the modest and sensitive listener. Texas men can make all of the noise necessary to fill the requirements of any occasion, but we should scrupulously avoid any unnecessary roughness of expression in our cheers. May you get a yell, senior laws, quite as effective, but in a bit more polite terms."

"But the yell of the college, before any reform was made in it, has offended 'modest and sensitive per-

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sons.' For here is what the Georgetown Sentinel says, after having endured it:

"The conduct of the students at the show last Saturday night demonstrated the fact that they had brought along their lungs instead of their brains."

"Whereupon the Round Rock Searchlight gives the experience of its town with it:

"They came through here on Thanksgiving and began their unearthly yells, like heathens, in our town, and our ever-watchful constable, C. C. Carrington, gave them to understand that no such conduct was allowed in our town even on a holiday, and the boys 'gave in' without any trouble. A few more officers like our constable will break up this tough element in our universities and colleges, and the sooner it is done the better. Other people are not allowed so much 'rope,' and why are college boys 'privileged characters?' Let it be stopped."

The Texan does not desire to take issue with a paper of such standing as the Dallas News, but we, as students of Texas University do desire to correct the foregoing article. The "State Press" editor does not seem to be very well versed in college affairs or he would know that the senior law yell is not the University yell, and the senior-law class comprises only about seventy of the thousand students attending the University. The Texas University yell would not offend the most "modest and sensitive listener" and furthermore, the "college yell" is not under discussion at all, there is no desire for change.

The State Press man loses sight of the fact that the State University is not located in Georgetown, but in Austin, and the students are not in the habit of going to Georgetown to go to "shows."

Southwestern University (a sectarian school, by the way, whose yell should not offend the most devout person on earth) is located in Georgetown, and very likely the "Sentinel" editor never heard the University yell in his life.

Now as to the "unearthly yells" given in Round Rock on Thanksgiving, we desire to inform the State Press editor that we are not guilty of the charge. Not one single delegation of Varsity students left Austin on that day. The Round Rock Searchlight was probably disturbed by A. & M. college cadets, who passed through Round Rock en route to Austin to play the Varsity foot-ball team a game. We can not be responsible for their conduct. The University is always ready to admit the fault when in the wrong, but we refuse to bear the blame for the bad conduct of Southwestern or A. & M. students.

B. HALL XMAS NOTES.

It is an old saying that "thirteen" is an unlucky number, and like most old sayings there is truth in it.

After exams were over, all the B. Hallites left for home to spend the holidays, all except thirteen. The lack of the wherewithall to go forced these thirteen to remain at the Hall. This itself made them feel heavy at heart and sigh that fortune should be so unkind to them. They were thinking of "Home, Sweet Home," and the good things there to eat. They were longing to get away from B. Hall. "How cruel fate is to keep us at the Hall during Xmas." Thus they were reasoning when they were informed that the B. Hall restaurant would "shut down" without further notice. O, ye Gods! Starvation! Far away from home, financially depressed, and turned out in the cold world to root hog, or die. "Oh, what men dare do, what men may do, what men daily do, not knowing what they do!"

But in the role of University officers there is one man whose heart

is pure gold, and whose every endeavor is for the welfare of the University student. Judge James B. Clark's sympathy ever goes out to the hungry. So, in line with his usual custom, Judge Clark gave the B. Hall orphans an excellent Xmas dinner. The afternoon before Xmas at two o'clock thirteen hungry B. Hall boys entered the restaurant and stood anxiously waiting for the Judge to make his appearance. He did not keep them waiting long, but soon came in accompanied by Col. Sirakins of the law department. All were seated, grace said, and by the command of Judge Clark to "eat, drink and be merry," the love feast began.

Oyster stew, fish, pig, and turkey, with many smaller dishes along with them, then cakes, candies, and many kinds of fruits, followed by plenty of good cigars to smoke, and to drink—lemonade—all these disappeared at the regular B. Hall speed. But like the manna supplied to the Israelites in their journey through the wilderness of Arabia, the good eatables never gave out. About the time this thirteen had eaten all they could and were grieving that they could eat no more, Col. Simkins, as toast master, in a short speech of wit and oratory called on the thirteen for toasts in the following order: Murray, "Our Alma Mater," Sowder, "Sweethearts," Huggins, "Athletics," Stone, "Home, Sweet Home," Dibrell, "Literary Societies," Howard, "University Girls," Frye, "Exams," then a voluntary solo by Judge Clark (here Col. Simkins leaves); next a speech by Mr. Lacey; German song by Mr. Shudemagen; French solo by Judge Clark, and last and loudest, "Nobody But You, Babe," by all. Then came the benediction and three rousing cheers for Judge Clark. And thus ended the feast—and thus ended one of the most enjoyable occasions in the life of this thirteen.

Our hearts go out in gratitude to Judge Clark, but we can not pass from this without mentioning the kindness of Mrs. Stevens in seeing that we lacked for nothing, and—thanking her for that excellent cake.

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The course will consist of lectures, with parallel reading. It will be illustrated with several hundred beautiful lantern slides made especially for this University. As the character of the work will necessarily be somewhat affected by the number of students it is requested that all wishing to take the course shall leave their names with the registrar, if possible before the holidays. The course is open to the whole University, except Freshmen. No knowledge of Greek is required.

W. J. BATTLE.

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

The University of Texas gymnasium has a Hall of Fame. It consists of records of feats of strength rather than of any spacious building. For the records are inscribed on the walls of Professor Curtiss' office. Any man who performs a certain feat of strength that comes up to a certain standard is honored by having his name and record inscribed in the Hall of Fame. A man may have his name enrolled in the Hall of Fame by showing a lung capacity of 350 cubic inches, or by pulling up on his arms between parallel bars fifteen times in succession, or by pushing up twelve times in succession, or by gripping with either hand 150, or by backlifting 600 pounds, or by leglifting 900 pounds. Under these requirements quite a number have succeeded in placing their names among the immortals.

On the push up no record has been made. On the pull up three men have made records, namely, J. D. Ward, '03, fifteen times; R. M. Shaven, law '02, fifteen times; W. F. Booth, '04, seventeen times. On the grip the only record maker is R. H. Hays, law '02, who gripped 153 with his right hand, and 150 with his left. On the back lift only one man has made a record and he is C. A. Thompson, '03, who lifted 620 pounds. On the leg lift there are three men to be mentioned, namely J. E. Neal, law '01, whose lift was

1040 pounds; A. P. Ward, '04, 915 pounds; and H. B. Mack, '03, 910 pounds.

When we come to consider lung capacity we find that Texas supplements her reputation as the largest State in the Union by also producing a man who has the largest lung capacity in the Union, and I dare say in the whole world. Six men have entered the Hall of Fame by virtue of their wind. First, R. J. Powell, '04, showed a lung capacity of 354 cubic inches. Then succeed the following: S. F. Hill, law, '01, 362 cubic inches; N. J. Marshall, '04, 364 cubic inches; W. F. Martin, '04, 352 cubic inches, and R. H. Hays, law '02, 364 cubic inches. Last came "Big" Neal of the Senior Law class, and to show how windy his class can be on occasion, he blew the spirometer to the 414 cubic inches mark and then on clear out of sockets, 414 cubic inches lung capacity. Just think of it. Almost twice that of the average man, and four inches more than that of the unchallenged claimant to the world's championship.

P. Von Boeckmann, lung specialist and physical culturist of Metzgerott Bldg., Washington, D. C., claims to have a lung capacity of 410 cubic inches and to be the champion of the world in virtue of the fact. J. C. Neal, of the University of Texas, can show him something new in lung capacities.

Mr. Curtiss is a member of the Society of College Gymnasium directors. This organization decides what college and what college men are entitled to the annual championship in gymnastic feats. Each member of the society is entitled to send in the name and record of fifty men at the college wherein he labors. The college showing the largest aggregate of points is declared the champion, and the individual showing the greatest promise in point of strength is declared the champion college athlete.

By virtue of Mr. Curtiss' membership we shall no doubt be represented in the society's decision this year.

Gymnasium work began Monday. On that day a new class was organized for beginners to meet from 5 to 6 o'clock each week day. Let the new men fall to work with a vim and the old men keep up their interest. All will turn out well.

All who wish may see in the library the Curtiss cup which will be given to the champion gymnast at the end of the session. There are also medals to be given the champion on the parallel, the horizontal bar, the horse, and the dumb bells. They are all suitable prizes, and the championship in any gymnasium event is well worth striving for.

TRACK TEAM CAPTAIN.

Pursuant to the call of Capt. J. C. Puett a number of members of last year's track team met in Mr. Curtiss' office at 4 o'clock Saturday evening for the purpose of electing a captain of the track team for this year. M. M. McMahon, who has faithfully served as a distinguished member of the track team for several years past, was unanimously chosen captain for this session. It was an honor deserved. Track athletics will take new life under his leadership.

TEXAS-MISSOURI DEBATE.

It is very probable that we will have a debate with Missouri University this year. Some time ago we received a challenge from M. S. U. which was published in The Texan.

Just before the holidays Mr. Dibrrell received a very favorable letter from M. S. U., stating their proposition for an interstate debate and they will very likely be held either in St. Louis or Dallas.

PROF. HALSTED'S ARTICLE IN SCIENCE.

An article entitled "Gauss and the non-Euclidean Geometry," which appeared in the November number of Science has caused most favorable comment in the mathematical world and is surely a masterpiece of scientific research and thought. The article is especially important to us because it was written by Prof. George Bruce Halsted of Texas University. The article sets forth the history of the non-Euclidean Geometry and the part played by Gauss in the discovery of this great theory. Prof. Halsted has done a great deal for the progress of pure mathematics. He is recognized in Europe as well as in the United States as authority on all mathematical questions and his masterly articles not only bring great honor to himself, but also reflect much credit to the University of Texas.

IF.

When the frosty air of autumn
Stirs the languid pulse like wine,
When earth yields a bounteous harvest

From each orchard, field and vine;
Then would life be full of sunshine
As an Indian summer's day,
If collectors, like mosquitoes,
Would but take their bills away.—
Ex.

Pat—"Do you believe in dreams,
Moike?"
Moike—"Faith an' I do; last
night I dreamt I was awake, and in
the mornin' my dream kem true."
—Ex.

The usual board of arbitration between a bad boy and his father consists of a shingle.—Ex.

INDEPENDENCE.

You won't and you will, half no
and half yes;
I'm quite at a loss your meaning,
dear Miss.
And enough, in all conscience,
you've baffled and sham'd,
Say yes, and be kissed; or say no,
and be d—d.
—From Texas Republican, 1835.

EXCHANGE.

The Foot-ball Number of the Minnesota Daily is undoubtedly the most unique college publication that has come to us this year. It is strictly foot-ball from cover to cover. It has half-tone engravings of all the captains of Western teams, besides a large group picture of the Minnesota team, which won the pennant this year in the Western league over Wisconsin, Northwestern, Nebraska, Illinois, and Chicago, and are proclaimed champions of the West.

The Lariat, Baylor's paper, comes out this week with "Walne The Winner" in box car letters on the first page. It seems that Walne and Brittain were the winners in the contest for representatives in the Texas-Baylor debate. The Lariat also states that "They will beat the State," well, Baylor, we are from Texas—you'll have to cite us. We can just bring up the Boer question and that man Brittain will "hike for home." The Lariat would be a very creditable issue if the last page were not wholly plate work.

The M. S. U. Independent came out Christmas, resplendent in colors and the neat designs and drawings go to make up a most creditable sheet. It contains some very good reading matter and a group picture of the Tigers. Among other articles in the Independent we noticed the following:

Amateur Athletics?

No one here doubts but what Kansas had an honest foot-ball

team this year, that is strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of pure amateur athletics. Washington University showed that they probably made some effort to comply with the rules, but the University of Texas, it seems, permitted at least one man to play on her team who would fall in the class denominated as "professionals." The University of Texas college paper, the Texan, has this to say:

"Semp Russ, the peerless quarterback, left Friday to resume his law practice in San Antonio. We regret that circumstances call him away from us."

Semp Russ was a bona fide student of Texas University, he was in good standing in his classes, as the M. S. U. captain and coach probably learned by looking at the qualification cards. If because a man leaves school he is termed a "professional" then what does this local in the same number of the Independent imply?

Bill Craig left school Monday. He will not return next year.

Craig, I believe, played a guard on the M. S. U. Tigers; then Missouri must have resorted to her old tactics—professionalism. Probably

the writer knows more about Missouri professionalism than the Independent man, and the latter named gentleman should look around him before he makes any such accusations as the above. The M. S. U. man probably does not remember Pauly, the blacksmith, who played on the '95 Tigers; he probably does not know that in '96 Bucholz and Kid Lewis, two Kansas City men who did not even enter M. S. U., played the star game for Missouri in that year. I could cite numerous cases but it is of no use; one more will suffice. Did not Coach White of last year bring Carl Kruse from the great M. S. U. tackle, New York, to play foot-ball? Missouri, you have no room to talk, and when your team was in Texas we tried to give them a square deal and a good time, but we received no number of the Independent containing an account of the trip or game; perhaps the score, 11—17 did not look good to the Independent man.

Boer marksman on the topic of a keppie can drop a man every prop and never seems to want to stop. —Ex.

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McNeill	8:49 "		5:18 "	
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*Summit	10:30 "	1:45 "	3:48 "	12:35 "
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